<u>In the Specification</u>

Attention is directed to the paragraph beginning on line 5 of page 1 and ending on line 11 of page 5. Please replace that paragraph with the following paragraph:

--The following patent applications are related to this application:

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> 10/729,196
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> 10/729,272. --

Before the first paragraph on page 24, please insert the following paragraph:

--As demonstrated above, the protocol conveys the fact that a new packet group is beginning, without the overhead of inserting a header packet into the trace stream to signal the beginning of the new packet group. That is, the packet group demarcation function that the header packet would otherwise perform can be effectively inferred from the above-described operation of the protocol, or stated differently, the operation of the protocol provides an "implied" header packet by identifying where an actual header packet (one that is never actually inserted in the trace stream) would have appeared in the trace stream.--